

"I HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG" LAST WORDS OF W.G. M'NIER

McCool's Victim Died at the Hospital at 7:15 Last Night---Wife, Mother and Other Relatives Visited Him Before Death Came.

MRS. M'COOL CANNOT BE FOUND

Day of Pathetic Incidents in Decatur's Tragedy --Prisoner Maintains His Wonderful Composure--Has a Lawyer.

THE WIFE OF MURDERED MAN PROSTRATED

HIS LAST STATEMENT.

"I have done nothing wrong." These were the words of William G. McNier, spoken to a Herald reporter as the injured man lay on his death bed in St. Mary's hospital. He was aroused from a stupor and was asked if he had anything to say about the case. He said:

"I do not know what to say. I do not know what to do. Oh, I have done nothing wrong." This is the last statement made by the dying man. Death followed at 7:15.

Murder is the charge which Edward McCool must answer. Death relieved the suffering of W. G. McNier at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday, twenty-one hours after he was shot by Edward McCool.

Mrs. McNier, the widow, swooned when told of the death of her husband and is in a serious condition. News of the death which makes the charge murder was given to Edward McCool about 7:30 p. m. while he was in his prison cell.

Coroner Dawson took charge of the body and removed it to his undertaking parlors on North Main street. An inquest will be held today.

The wife, mother and one sister of the dead man arrived in time to see and talk with him before he died.

NO SOONER THAN EXPECTED

Wife, Mother and Other Relatives Reached McNier Before He Died.

McNier's death came no sooner than was expected. The doctors did not think he could live as long as he did. In the morning he was reported dead and all through the day it was known that it was only a matter of a few hours.

Consciousness remained with the man almost to the last. At 6 o'clock a little over an hour before his death, McNier talked of his case. He asked for warm water which was given him to drink but which he could not hold on his stomach and he spoke of the effort it was for him to raise up his head.

The operation was performed Monday night but was of no avail. The wife arrived from Chicago at 4 p. m. and the mother, Mrs. C. D. McNier, accompanied by one daughter, Miss Fannie, arrived in the afternoon from Weldon, their home. They said the father and other sister, Miss Nellie, would follow on a night train. Another brother Samuel McNier, who lives in Iowa was also expected.

Dr. Mayes, an old friend and former family physician of McNier, came from Illinois Tuesday morning and remained constantly with his dying friend assisting the surgeons and doing all he could to comfort McNier in a medical way and as a friend.

Now that McNier is dead the charge of murder will be made against Edward McCool who did the shooting.

Held Without Warrant.

State's Attorney Redmon when informed Tuesday night that McNier was dead said that murder was the charge which would be made. Mr. Redmon also said that McCool was being held without any warrant or papers but if his attorney desired a warrant would be sworn out or the man could remain in the custody of the sheriff until the coroner's jury acted. The grand jury will meet next Monday and it is supposed that the case will be taken up at once. It is likely that McCool will want a speedy trial. He will probably be held without bail.

Only Thing Talked Of.

Interest in the case has been intense. People on the streets talked of scarcely anything else Tuesday and constant inquiries were made as to McNier's condition.

WIFE COMPLETELY PROSTRATE.

Mrs. McNier Arrives From Chicago in Dazed Condition--Mother Sees Her Son.

While death hovered over the bed of William G. McNier in St. Mary's hos-

pital Edward McCool, the man who indicted the mortal wound, sat in the cell room at the county jail. Surgeons were exercising their utmost skill to save the life of the injured man at the hospital and at the same time Attorney C. C. Leforgee sat in the prison cell with the prisoner and his brother, C. S. McCool, talking over the details of the case which will be brought to save the life of the man accused of committing the deed.

While Mr. Leforgee and his client talked in the cell their conversation was interrupted by the ringing of the bell on the street car which was dashing past the jail and was carrying to the hospital the mother and sister of the dying man.

The weeping sister and the heart broken mother, accompanied by several Decatur friends, were hurrying to the death bed of their son and brother. On reaching the hospital the mother and sister were escorted to the reception room and were not allowed to immediately see McNier. The wife had been taken to the hospital first and McNier was allowed to rest after seeing his wife an hour before the mother was allowed to enter the room.

Mrs. McNier Arrives.

Mrs. W. G. McNier who was in Chicago visiting parents at the time that her husband was shot, arrived in Decatur Tuesday afternoon on the Wabash train due here at 4:05 o'clock. She was met at the train by Jesse McNier the brother of the murdered man and assisted to a carriage in which they went at once to St. Mary's hospital.

In spite of the fact that she was supported across the station platform Mrs. McNier walked like one completely dazed and seemed to see nothing in her path. Her every movement betrayed the nervousness which was consuming her and her anxiety to reach the side of her husband. Her face was the picture of the anguish she was suffering.

On arriving at the hospital Mrs. McNier was assisted from the carriage. Her brother and father had accompanied her from Chicago.

Their Last Conversation.

Mrs. McNier was at once allowed to enter the death chamber. The moment was a terrible one for both the injured man and the wife. It was a great strain for both. The physicians left the room for a moment and behind the closed door the wife and husband had the last conversation they will ever have on earth.

The wife was away on a visit and was suddenly called back to the city arriving to find her husband dying as the result of being shot by a man whom it is supposed was jealous of attentions paid his wife.

The words which passed between the dying husband and the distracted wife will never be known. Whether there was any confession or denial made to the wife by her husband who saw death approaching is not known and probably never will be.

Told on Both.

The surgeons regarded the moment as a sacred one and thought it best to leave the husband and wife alone for a few minutes.

It was only for a moment, however. The strain was too great and the wife was removed from the room

and put in a carriage and sent to her home.

Strong Medicine Administered.

The strain of meeting his wife was telling upon McNier. Medicines were administered. Strychnine was given hypodermically to stimulate the heart but weaker and weaker the man seemed to become.

At 6:15 p. m. it was decided to allow the mother to see her son. McNier who had dozed off into a stupor, was awakened by his friend, Dr. Mayes, of Illinois and asked if he wished to see his mother.

At any rate she cannot be found and there is a good deal of mystery surrounding her disappearance. It is not known where she was when the shooting occurred or whether or not she was in the house but it is supposed that no one besides the two men were there when McNier was shot.

There has been a good deal of speculation as to the cause of the shooting. There seems to be no doubt that McCool thought there was an intimacy between his wife and McNier and that this belief led to his committing the deed. On this point McCool himself will not talk.

Some stories which are heard would lead to the belief that there had been some trouble existing between the parties interested for several days be-

MRS. M'COOL IS MISSING.

No Trace of Her Since Late on Night of Tragedy.

As the whereabouts of Mrs. McCool, the prisoner said that he knew nothing. In fact there seems to be no one who knows where Mrs. McCool is at the present time. A thorough search developed the fact that she had been seen late Monday night at the Stare house on North Franklin street, two doors north of the Grace Methodist church. It was said that she went there with two grips.

The woman who has charge of the place stated that Mrs. McCool was not there. She said several roomers lived in the house but that Mrs. McCool was not among them.

When asked if Mrs. McCool was there late Monday night the woman said she did not want to talk about the matter. She gave every assurance that Mrs. McCool was not then in the house but she would not say that she had not been there Monday night. The trace of Mrs. McCool ended there. It was said at the house that no one knew where she had gone and it is thought that Mrs. McCool has left the city.

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for the shooting. C. L. Hiler, a barber, says that Mrs. McCool was out of the city last week and that on returning to town she came to the home of himself and wife on South Church street and stayed there for two days before returning to her own home. Hiler said that he did not know why Mrs. McCool did not go home. She was acquainted with Hiler's family on account of having formerly lived in the same house.

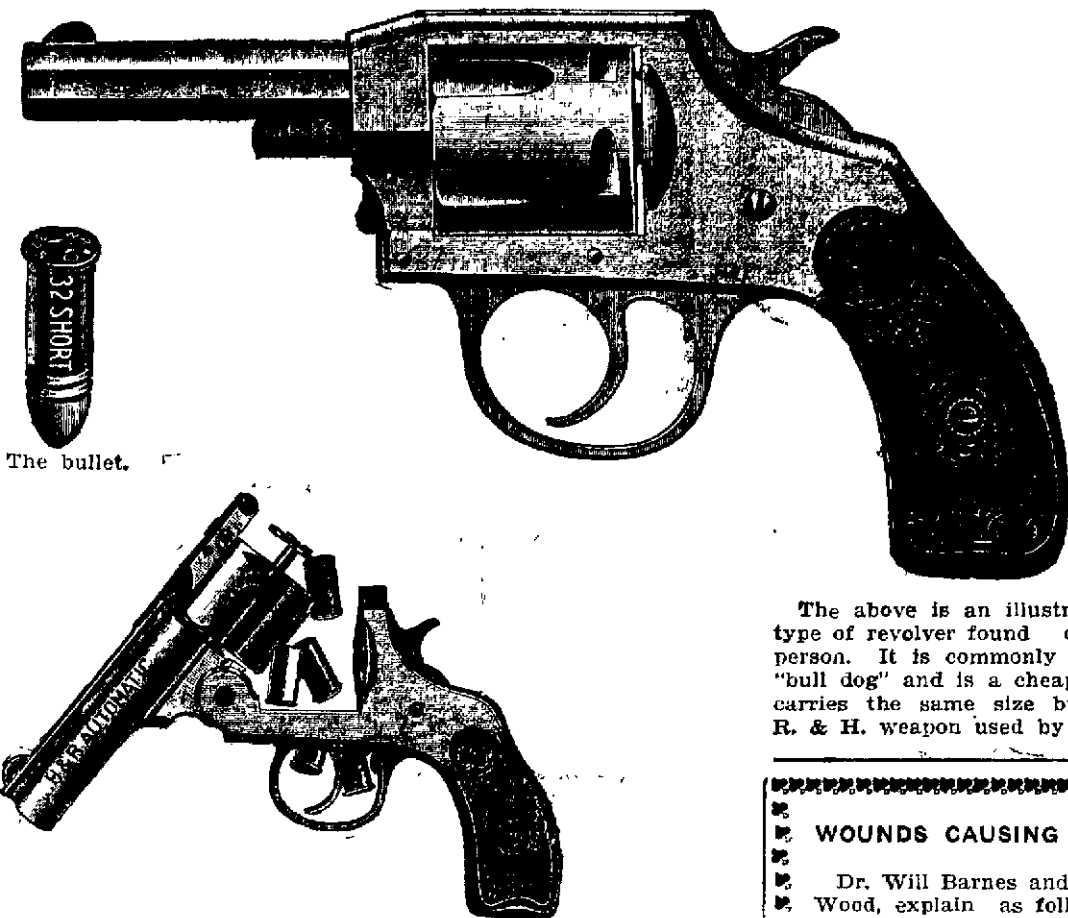
It was learned that McCool and his wife took supper together at a restaurant for several evenings preceding the shooting and that they appeared when out together in good humor. Whatever feeling existed was not exposed to public notice.

At the residence of the McNier and McCool families, at 909 North Church street, friends called Tuesday morning. At that time there was no one at home. Mrs. McCool having gone, McNier being at the hospital, his wife in Chicago and McCool in jail.

All that was there at the time was a little poodle dog which belonged to one of the families and which was taken to the home of a neighbor.

Later in the evening however, women friends gathered at the house and took charge of the place and friends will look after the residence.

Mrs. McNier did not return to her own home. She was so prostrated after seeing her husband at the hospital that fear for her welfare was entertained. She was taken to the home of Harvey Scribner, a near neighbor,



The revolver used by Edward McCool was a thirty-two, short, Harrington & Richards, automatic action, being of the latest pattern of shown in the illustration, the cut being the exact size of the missiles that plowed through the hand of McNier and through his body.

McNier said he would like to see her and he stretched a little in the bed and said that he felt a little stronger.

The white haired mother walked from the reception room to the room of the doomed man.

McNier occupied the room in the front of the building on the lower floor and second from the north end of the building.

Mrs. McNier, the elder, dried her eyes as she walked into the room. The scene was a very sad one. With all the courage that she could muster Mrs. McNier made a wonderful effort to be composed. Her face was drawn and she was ready to again burst into tears, but the thought of her son's welfare overcame her emotion and she did not cry but conducted herself quietly.

Mother and Son.

"Oh my boy be quiet. Don't get excited, don't get excited," she said. Mrs. McNier seated herself on the side of the bed. She took in her two hands the one uninjured hand of her son.

McNier rolled his glassy eyes, looked at his mother and seemed affected. He said also not to be excited. "He does not look so bad," said Mrs. McNier, turning to Dr. Wood and holding back a sob. "He seems strong."

It was plain that the grief stricken woman wanted to cry and show her feeling for her boy, but she feared that any expression of grief would excite and injure him.

"I will go now," said the mother, after a few moments. "I will worry you and had better leave you alone."

"Yes you had better leave me," the dying man replied.

Dr. Wood and Dr. Mayes with grave faces looked on, knowing that death was but a short time distant. One of the kind hearted sisters in her robes stood at the side of the bed and looked with pity on the mother as she turned away from the bed and walked out of the room. On leaving Mrs. McNier again wept and went back to the reception room and joined her daughter and other friends.

One Comforting Thought.

Mrs. McNier and her daughter cried as they were going to the hospital in the street car. The daughter, Miss Fannie McNier, sobbed bitterly. Her friends could not comfort her and she leaned forward in the car seat and cried aloud as the hospital came in view.

During the trip to the hospital Mrs. McNier was told that her son was still alive and conscious and this comforted her to some extent. She had made the trip here from Weldon fearing that she would never again have a chance to see her son alive.

ATTORNEY AND PREACHER

Called to the Hospital to See the Dying Man.

Attorney A. G. Webber was called to the hospital to see McNier Tuesday. Mr. Webber said that he went on private business for Mr. McNier. It was said that Mr. Webber made out a will for McNier, but Mr. Webber said that he did not feel at liberty to talk about the matter as the business was of a private nature.

It was evident that McNier realized that he was dying. During the day he asked for a minister and Rev. S. H. Boyer was summoned and called upon Mr. McNier in the capacity of spiritual advisor.

While McNier was making arrangements for his death McCool was making arrangements for answering the charges which will be made against him. He engaged Attorney C. C. Leforgee and Mr. Leforgee called at the jail several times during the day.

In the afternoon Mr. Leforgee and C. S. McCool, a brother, were in the cell room in consultation with the prisoner.

Mr. Leforgee was asked what he had to say about the case as head counsel. He said:

"There is not much we want to say at the present time but there is one thing I want to make clear. That is to deny that McCool was at the house lying in wait for McNier. That statement is absolutely false and without grounds. It was a chance meeting that occurred between the two men at the house."

Mr. Leforgee also refers to letters which are in his possession. He said McCool had procured letters which would be introduced as evidence in the case and which would have great bearing. The attorney would not tell anything further as to the contents of the letters.

THE FAMILY AFFAIRS.

Mrs. McCool Stayed in the House of C. L. Hiler for Two Days.

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The above is an illustration of the type of revolver found on McNier's person. It is commonly known as a "bull dog" and is a cheap weapon. It carries the same size bullet as the R. & H. weapon used by McCool.

WOUNDS CAUSING DEATH.

Dr. Will Barnes and Dr. Will Wood, explain as follows the wounds which caused McNier's death:

The bullet from the 32 caliber revolver entered the body near the right nipple and passed downward and toward the left lodging about the left hip.

The lungs were not injured but the bullet went under the ribs and penetrated the diaphragm, liver and kidneys.

Continued shock and internal hemorrhage were the cause of death. The bullet was removed by the surgeons, the abdomen was opened and the liver was packed where the bullet had gone through and an effort was made in that way to stop the bleeding.

In such cases death is almost a certainty. The surgeons had no hope from the first.

and Dr. Will Wood was called to attend her. She fainted a number of times and had one fainting spell after another.

It was impossible Tuesday night to talk to Mrs. McNier or to get any kind of a statement from her regarding the matter. She simply could not talk.

The news of the death of McNier was received by Will Carter who went to the Scribner house and left the message. Mrs. McNier was told that her husband was dead and on hearing that she had become a widow she swooned. After recovering she afterward succumbed to repeated fainting spells. It was feared Tuesday night that an attack of brain fever would be the result of the shock and worry which overcame Mrs. McNier.

The mother and brother of Mrs. McNier who accompanied her from Chicago were with her at the Scribner home.

INQUEST TODAY.

Coroner Will Start Inquiring This Afternoon at 2 O'Clock.

The body of McNier was taken from the hospital by the coroner to his undertaking parlors on North Main street and the inquest will be held from that place today, probably at 2 p. m. Some of the relatives called at the place.

G. K. Harris, of the firm of Harris Bros., who was one of the first to see McNier after the shooting, Officer Amos Imboden, Dr. Will Barnes and several others will testify.

The body will remain where it is until some arrangements are made for the funeral but the public will not be allowed to see the body. The friends requested that the remains be kept private.

KNOWN IN URBANA.

McCool Figured There As a Painter and Paper Hanger.

Urbana, May 5--Special to the Herald--Edward McCool formerly lived in this vicinity. Until about two

HAMILTON A DEMON OF THE SEA

Old Dominion Steamer that Has Caused Many Wrecks Crashed Into Clyde Line Steamer Saginaw.

CUTTING HER IN TWO AND SINKING HER

Accident Occurred Off the Virginia Coast in a Dense Fog--Eighteen Passengers Hurried Into Life Boat, Which Immediately Sank.

Norfolk, Va., May 5--A collision at sea that cost the lives of twenty or more people and the sinking of the Clyde steamer Saginaw, by the Old Dominion Steamship Company's Hamilton, occurred between Winter Quarter Lightship and Penwick Island Lightship on the Virginia coast at 4:40 this morning. A dense fog had settled along the coast shortly after nightfall and while going through this fog at reduced speed the Hamilton crashed into the Saginaw's side, 20 feet from the stern. The fog whistles of both vessels were distinctly heard by each other for several minutes before the collision. Both vessels veered, but had not time to clear each other and the knife-like steel prow of the south bound vessel struck the Clyde ship, cutting the entire rear of the ship away. The rushing water caused the Saginaw to settle rapidly and the impetus of the Hamilton took her out of sight of the crippled vessel, but she returned to the scene of the wreck at the same time lowering two lifeboats.

Consternation Prevailed.

There was consternation among the passengers of the Hamilton but soon it was discovered the ship was not seriously injured, and efforts were directed to the rescue of the people on the Saginaw.

When the Saginaw was again sighted the stern was under water and the bow high in the air. The panic-stricken people rushed over her decks and scrambled toward the bow. Lifeboats were lowered and into the first fifteen colored women were placed, according to Second Officer W. L. Morris, who was in command. The boat was swamped and all drowned save the second officer and the colored stewardess. The latter died before the boat reached the Hamilton, from injuries received by the impact of the collision.

Meantime the rush of waters into the bow of the Saginaw caused the decks to burst and tons of freight soon littered the sea. To the floating wreckage the struggling people in the water clung with desperation and many were rescued by the boats from the Hamilton.

Before the Hamilton's lifeboats reached the Saginaw the latter had sunk, nothing but her top masts being visible. To these several men were climbing, one being Captain Tunnell, who suffered serious internal injuries.

No Sign of Life.

The Hamilton hovered around the wreck more than an hour, but no sign of life could be seen among the mass of floating freight. Two bodies were seen floating in the sea.

years ago he worked around Champagne and Urbana as a painter and paper hanger. The young woman he married always bore a good reputation here, as good if not better than McCool. There was never anything said against her.

McCool went from this place to Hoopeson and there it is understood he attended college. About a year and a half ago he left Hoopeson to go to Decatur to work for the correspondence school.

READING LATE LAST NIGHT.

McCool Maintains His Wonderful Composure, but Shows the Strain.

Wonderful composure has been exhibited by McCool since the shooting occurred. He has not tried to appear indifferent, but has simply been quiet and although it could be seen he was under a great strain, he has managed to keep up a cool exterior.

Late last night McCool was reading in his cell. He said he was trying to turn his mind from the troubles of the past few days. McCool is about 32 years old.

LONG IN PUBLIC LIFE.

One of Wisconsin's Favored Sons Called to His Account.

Milwaukee Wis., May 5--Orasmus Cole, aged 84, former chief justice of the Wisconsin supreme court, died at the residence of his son, Sidney H. Cole, in this city, today. He served in the 31st congress as a whig and was a member of the constitutional convention. He served on the state supreme bench from 1855 to 1892 when he retired.

He's a Hard Proposition.

Arden, Arabia, May 5--It is rumored the Mad Mullah recently attacked the British column at Galdai, Somaliland and was repulsed with a heavy loss. The British also suffered considerable losses.

Overcome By Gas.

Florence, Wis., May 5--Jim Dunkel and Otto Montke were found dead at the bottom of the shaft of the Florence mine today. They had been suffocated by poisonous gases.

The first news of the disaster was learned at Old Point, where the Hamilton stopped for a few minutes this afternoon on her way to Norfolk. The survivors of the Saginaw, on board the Hamilton, had been given a clothing by the passengers and seamen of the more fortunate vessel, and a collection was taken up among the passengers to be distributed among them. According to the Clyde line officials, the names of only eighteen passengers were known, and it is admitted by Second Officer Morris that fifteen colored women, all of whom are now dead, were in the swamped life boat.

List of the Lost.

The Saginaw passengers known to be lost are:

A. GILMORE.
P. L. PENDLETON.
FLORENCE NEWBY.
EDNA WARD.
M. E. JONES.
MARY ROBERTSON.
The passengers saved are:
E. B. Cole, Philadelphia.
J. Tervor, Philadelphia.
R. B. Younghead, Chester, Pa.
George B. Hood of Philadelphia.
Harry F. Winters of Camden, N. J.
Mary A. Sanderson of Windsor, N. C.
Morris Fayer, Jr., of Northwest Virginia.
John Reese of Norfolk.
Miller Pennell of Norfolk.
Judson Seville of Berkeley, David Rowland of Newport News.

Asleep at the Time.

Passengers and most of the crew of both ships were asleep below when the disaster happened and when the terrible shock and grinding noise awakened them a panic-stricken rush for safety took place. Under orders of the captain, the women were put in the life boats first, colored women being piloted into the first boat and all drowned.

A statement made by Captain Boaz and Purser McCormick of the Hamilton give the story of the disaster substantially as already related.

The Saginaw lies in 15 fathoms of water. The company estimates that of the missing, nine were passengers, and six members of the crew.

The steamer Hamilton has been in several collisions since she was launched in 1889. June 13, 1900, she struck and sank the steamship Macedonia. Ten days later the Hamilton ran into and sank the schooner, John H. Ker. October 7, the same year she ran into the schooner, A. A. Shaw, sending her to the bottom.

The Saginaw had but one previous serious accident. That was March 24, 1897, when she went aground on the Jersey coast.

THE PEERLESS COLUMBIA

Demonstrates That in Some Respects She is Superior to the New Defender, Reliance.

SAILED AROUND THE RELIANCE.

Glencove, L. I., May 5--It required just twenty minutes today for the peerless cup defender, Columbia, to demonstrate that in a light wind, and beating to the windward, she is a better boat than the Reliance. Starting from a position to the leeward and slightly astern of the Reliance, Columbia sailed through the new boat's lee tacked across her bow and in the next leg of a mile and a half increased her lead to nearly a quarter of a mile. The Reliance then withdrew. When the Columbia went through her lee the Reliance kept off and voluntarily gave up the advantage of her windward position, but she was none the less decisively and emphatically out sailed. This was the first brush between the rivals.

WON ANOTHER POINT.

Question of Preferred Payments to Be Determined at The Hague.

Washington, May 5--Final permission reached the Italian, British and German embassies tonight for the allies' representatives to sign with Bowen Venezuela's plenipotentiary, the protocol submitting the question of preferential treatment to The Hague tribunal for arbitration. As soon as the allies' representatives can agree among themselves as to whether The Hague convention shall be signed separately or jointly their signatures will be affixed. On this question Bowen has declared himself neutral.

Derrick Broke.

Pittsburg, May 5--By the breaking of a derrick boom at the south end of the Mount Washington tunnel of the Wabash road this afternoon two men were killed and two others fatally hurt.

ARCADE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEET

Wednesday and Thursday...
TWO GREAT SALE DAYS.

SWIFT'S WOOL SOAP	25c
Regular 5c	
ROLLED OATS	25c
Full packages, three pack-	
ages for	
CHAMPION LYE	25c
Regular full size 10c cans,	
four for	
TOMATO CATSUP	25c
Full pint bottles, screw top, per bot-	
tle, 9c; or three	
for	
CALIFORNIA HONEY PRUNES	25c
Nice, sweet fruit, five	
pounds for	
PURE MAPLE SUGAR	10c
The genuine article,	
per pound	
BAUER KRAUT	10c
Nice, clean cut; per	
gallon	
PUMPKIN	5c
Two pound cans, solid pack;	
per can	
CREMO COFFEE	15c
The best for the money,	
per pound	
EGG NOODLES	25c
Large packages; three	
for	
POTATOES	67c
Fine, solid stock, per	
bushel	
Fresh Fish for Wednes-	
day and Thursday.	
DRESSED BUFFALO	10c
Fresh Illinois river fish; fine fellows;	
dressed, per	
pound	
CATFISH	15c
Fine stock; dressed clean and ready	
for the pan; per	
pound	
CORN STARCH	8c
per	
ALASKA SALMON	10c
Nice, pink fish,	
per can	
LARD COMPOUND	10c
Pure and sweet; per	
pound	
MACARONI	25c
Golden Key brand, three	
packages for	
LEWIS POWDERED LYE	25c
Three cans	
for	
MACKEREL	10c
Norway breakfast fish,	
each	
RALSTON BREAKFAST FOOD	10c
15c packages	
for	

Medicines Cheap.	
DR. DAVIS' HEADACHE POWDERS	15c
25-cent	
boxes	
THEFORD'S BLACK DRAUGHT	19c
25-cent	
packages	
MORROW'S KID-NE-IDS	39c
50-cent	
boxes	
WITCH HAZEL	18c
25-cent	
bottles	
REX TEA	17c
25-cent	
packages	
MANALIN	81c
\$1.00	
bottles	
LA-CU-PIA	79c
\$1.00 bot-	
tles	
CUDAHY'S EXTRACT OF BEEF	39c
50-cent	
jars	
KILMER'S SWAMP ROOT	83c
\$1.00 bot-	
tles	
CUTICURA OINTMENT	45c
50-cent	
boxes	
MCLEAN'S KIDNEY BALM	69c
\$1.00 bot-	
tles	
GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER	59c
75c bot-	
tles	
KNOWLTON'S DANDERINE	85c
100c bot-	
tles	
AYER'S SARSAPARILLA	83c
\$1.00 bot-	
tles	

House Furnishings Cheap	
25c BOXES OF PAPER	
The boxes are soiled, the paper is	
perfect for Wednesday and Thurs-	
day, your choice	
for	
80c GARDEN RAKES	
Fourteen teeth; malleable iron, to	
close out the	
lot	
15c GARDEN HOES	
Steel blade, to close out	
the lot	
25c WASHBOARDS	
A good	
one	
20c WHITEWASH BRUSHES	
A bargain	
at	
CURTAIN RODS	
Brass Extension	
Curtain Rods	
FIVE QUART MILK PANS	
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State Council Attracts Prominent Men of the Order to This City--Patrick M'Ardle Re-elected

BANQUET AT ST. NICK

Rev. Dean Murphy Acts as Toastmaster--Music and Decorations

TOASTS AND RESPONSES

The annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus was held in Decatur Tuesday. The delegates present numbered 78 and represented 40 councils in different parts of the state.

Patrick L. McArdle of Chicago presided and was re-elected to the office of district deputy supreme knight for Illinois, the head executive position. The delegates held a session both in the forenoon and afternoon. Much of the time was taken up with a discussion of the insurance features of the order. The Knights of Columbus order has about 6000 members in Illinois.

A committee was appointed to devise ways and means for erecting a temple building in Chicago and to report at the next convention which is to be held in Chicago.

The following officers were elected. Supreme Knight--Patrick L. McArdle. Secretary--John Annes, Freeport. Treasurer--James J. Tanyan, Chicago.

Warden--John Doherty, Effingham. These officers reappointed Father Healy of Effingham as state chaplain.

Banquet at Night. A banquet was given to the delegates of the Knights of Columbus by the local lodge at the St. Nicholas last night at the sixth annual convention of the state society. The banquet was a grand affair, there being about eighty delegates in attendance, two from each lodge in the state. There were only two delegates that could not be present.

The tables were decorated in palms and cut flowers and gave a pretty effect. An orchestra was in attendance and played throughout the banquet. The committee on general arrangements had gotten out a beautiful lit program and menu card containing the pictures of Patrick L. McArdle and Rev. Dean Murphy. The picture was a great surprise to Father Murphy as he did not know that his picture was to appear in the program. The picture of Father Murphy is the only one he has ever had taken. The program was as follows:

Salted Almonds.	
Cold Shred Chicken	
Smoked Beef Tongue	
Sweet Pickles	
Olives	
Radishes	
Shred Sugar Cured Ham	
Bread and Butter Sandwiches	
Lobster Salad	
Potato Salad	
Salad a la Vardner	
Ice Cream and Strawberries	
Assortment of Cake	
Fruits	
Coffee	
Mints	
Cigars	
Orchestra Program.	
The Ben Hur orchestra gave the following program:	
"The Storm King," March Gallop	
"Mon Ange," Valse Lente	
"Dance of the Frowey Heads,"	
"Dance Characteristic," Pauline B. Storey	
"Hawatha," A Summer Idyl	
"A Day in Switzerland,"	
"Descriptive," Eileen	
"A Social Chat," Musical Gallop.	
"New Mown Hay,"	
"Cupid's Garden," Intermezzo	
"Patrol of the Guardsmen,"	
T. N. Lasey	

FOOD IN NEED

Is a Friend Indeed.

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REV. DEAN MURPHY.

Selected. The music was splendidly rendered and earned all the applause given it.

The Responses. James O'Mara in his greetings spoke of the pleasure it gave to the local lodge to entertain the delegates from the lodges over the state and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

Rev. Father Thos Finn responded to the toast Pope Leo XIII and talked for some time on the position of the pope in the world's history and his prominent position after his long services at the head of the church.

Judge David E. Keefe gave a toast on "Our Country" and spoke of the patriotism shown in the teachings of the order and identity in the success of each. He spoke of the bright future for the country and gave a pleasant and optimistic view of the country's prosperity.

Thos. J. Kiernan gave a short review of the growth of the order. He said there are at present 41 lodges in the state with a membership of about 10,000. Nearly twice the number there were one year ago and nearly twice the number of lodges. He spoke of the purposes of the order, its aims to promote social and fraternal interest among the Catholics of the country and the benefits to be gotten through its excellent insurance methods. The first lodge of the society was started in Chicago in 1896 and since then the order has extended over the entire country.

John J. Ryan talked on the Illinois state council and told of the work of the order and its growth in the state and its possibilities.

Hon. J. M. Dougherty responded to the toast, "Our Order" and spoke of the duty of the members in building up the country with which the welfare of the order is identical.

The Committees. General Committee--J. M. Walker, chairman, Geo. Murray, secretary, L. W. Black, T. F. Mulcahy, M. H. McEvoy.

Reception Committee--Michael Fahay, chairman; Rev. Dean Murphy, J. J. Moran, J. J. Maloney, P. W. Finn.

DIED IN DENVER.

Former Newspaper Man of Bloomington Succumbs to Consumption.

Denver, Colo., May 5--Edwin M. Wilson, a well known newspaper writer of this city and Chicago, died today at his home in this city. Wilson was born in Bloomington, Ill., 34 years ago. His first newspaper work was on the Bloomington Pantagraph of which he became managing editor. Removing to Chicago he worked on the Record and later conducted the children's page of the Record-Herald. Wilson came to Denver two years ago for the benefit of his wife who was consumptive. A few months ago he himself developed the disease. He leaves two children. The remains will be shipped to Bloomington for interment.

THE BELL SAVED HIM.

Jack O'Brien of Philadelphia Barely Stayed Six Rounds.

Philadelphia, May 5--Maxvin Hart of Louisville, had the better of a six round fight with "Philadelphia" Jack O'Brien tonight. The Philadelphia had the better of the bout up to the fifth round when he was almost knocked out. In the sixth round O'Brien received severe punishment, and was all but out when the bell sounded.

Deaths of the Day.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 5--Hon. Robert L. Dulaney, president of the Dulaney National bank and a director of the Vandalla road, died at his home in Marshall, Ill., today. He was the wealthiest man in Clark county, Illinois.

Mills Resume.

Springfield, Ill., May 5--The rolling mills of this city, idle for many years, resumed operations today and will employ 500 men.

The Indications.

Washington, May 5--Illinois--Showers Wednesday and probably Thursday, colder Thursday with variable winds, becoming fresh north to northwest.

Local Weather.

The following is a record of the temperature for 24 hours ended Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock as reported by Prof. J. H. Coonradt, government observer:

7 a. m.	52	Highest	67
Noon	65	Lowest	45
7 p. m.	55		

THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. George M. Lindsey.

Mrs. George M. Lindsey died at the family home, 1645 East Main street at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Lindsey was 28 years old and is survived by a husband and three children aged respectively 19, 8 and 2 years. Her maiden name was Stephenson and her mother and father live in Springfield. She was a member of the United Brethren church and was a member of the Court of Honor. The time of the funeral is not yet decided.

Bowman.

The funeral of Frank Bowman will be held today at 3 at the St. Patrick's church. The burial will be at Calvary cemetery.

Babcock.

The funeral of Charles Babcock was held at the Union church near Orem at 3 o'clock Tuesday and was conducted by Rev. Primrose of Monticello. The funeral was largely attended by the friends and relatives of the deceased. The burial was at Union cemetery.

FUNERALS.

Anna Ammann.

The funeral of Anna Ammann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ammann, was held from the family residence, 819 East Cantrell street, Tuesday afternoon. Rev. William Brandon assisted by Rev. Mr. Ross, officiated. The attendance was large and there were many floral offerings. The music was by Misses Grace Stewart and Cloe Hume.

The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and the pallbearers were Carter Mattes, William Witzman, Edward Ross, Albert Ross, Walter Schults and Arthur Ammann.

Price.

The funeral of the late Wm. A. Price was held Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, 907 South Broadway. Rev. J. A. Davidson conducted the services and the burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

DEVELOPED NO SURPRISE.

Annual Election of the Woman's Club -- Luncheon at Noon.

The annual election of the Woman's Club which took place Tuesday resulted as follows:

President--Mrs. H. P. Gingrich. First Vice President--Mrs. F. N. Anderson.

Second Vice President--Mrs. Sherman McClelland.

Recording Secretary--Miss Donna Buckingham.

Corresponding Secretary--Miss F. M. Cox.

Treasurer--Mrs. Alice Pitner.

The members voted on the two tickets which had been posted during the forenoon and the afternoon. At noon the business was dropped and the luncheon was served. It was one of the most pleasant social events ever given at the club.

The retiring president, Mrs. C. J. McConnell, presided after the luncheon when toasts were given. The others who responded to toasts were as follows: Mrs. Eugene M. Bacon, Mrs. J. S. Starr, Mrs. India McAllister, Mrs. Emma Lewis and Mrs. Anna B. McClelland. The club rooms were beautifully decorated and the affair was a success in every way.

Church Socials

The Lutheran held a social at the home of M. L. Deck on North street last night. A delightful time was spent and during the evening there was an excellent musical program.

The house was decorated with carnations, tulips and pansies, a pretty effect. Miss Edith Kuhnner and Ella Coble were in charge of the arrangements.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Grace Methodist church held a "Vemama" social at the home of Rev. Horace Reed Tuesday afternoon. Several of the ladies were dressed in Hindoo costume. They had a good attendance and an excellent time.

In the evening the Young Women's Foreign Missionary society of the First Methodist church had a short meeting followed by a social hour. There was a program which was greatly enjoyed.

CLEVER PERFORMANCE

Alice Fischer and Her Company Delighted at Ushers' Benefit.

Alice Fischer and her company in "Miss Jack" delighted the audience at the Grand last night.

The performance was an ushers' benefit. The beneficiaries received \$275 each in dividing 15 per cent of the gross receipts. In addition each one received ten per cent of ticket sales made by their individual efforts. Paid Noble sold \$71 worth. Others ranged from \$20 to \$40.

A novelty that proved entertaining was a full view of the stage between the second and third acts while the stage setting was shifted. It was a sight new to practically every one in the house. The special scenery carried was elaborate.

New Record at Worth.

Chicago, May 5--Gregor K., an American derby candidate, broke the Worth track record for a mile and seventy yards today, winning in rather easy fashion from the best field of aged horses he ever met. The new record was set at 1:44 3-5.

Choir Rehearsal

On account of the concert at the Congregational church on Friday evening the rehearsal of the choir of the First M. E. church will be held on Saturday evening.

Bartender Dance.

The Bartender's International League No. 37, gave their first annual ball, commemorating their second anniversary at the Turner's hall last night. There were about 125 couples present. The programs were very neat and the different numbers had the name of some cigar or drink or saloon instead of the name of the selection.

Ed Weingartner was in general charge of the arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baldwin will leave today for New Albany, Ind., to visit relatives. Mr. Baldwin will return home on Monday but Mrs. Baldwin will remain in Indiana for a month.

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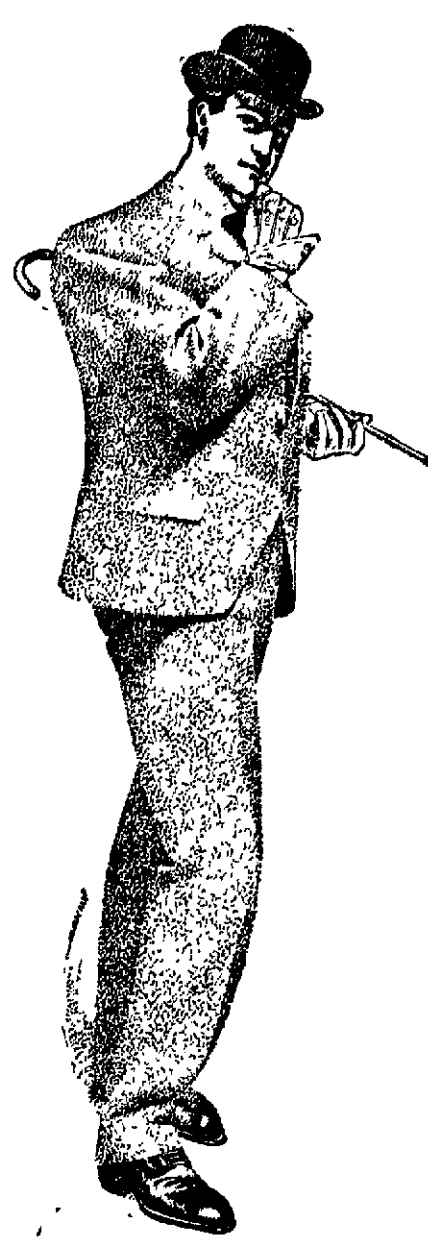
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The Supreme Court the Distinctive Feature of our Constitution.

Thoughtful men the world over have not been lacking in praise of our Constitution and system of government. As the years go by it becomes more apparent that the distinctive feature of the constitution is its judicial system, with the Supreme court at its head. Not in the mere fact of a judicial system, for courts were a part of our Anglo-Saxon inheritance. Indeed, long before the settlement of this country executive, legislative and judicial departments and functions were in existence. But the significance is in the powers given to the supreme court, and given in a republic formed by a union of states, which through surrendering some of the absolute supremacy of a nation, were continued in position of a large amount of independent authority.

We call ours a federal system of government. It is federal because there is a nation and states within and a part of that nation--a nation supreme in national affairs and in foreign relations and yet powerless to control the purely local interests of the separate states. We rightfully speak of the republic as a nation possessed in its relation to the nations of the world of all the essential attributes of nationality, yet we know that the nation, that congress as the legislative body of the nation, is impotent to regulate the police affairs of the smallest village in any state. Over local affairs the states are as supreme as though there were not integral parts of the republic.

This creation of a new nation with all the elements of nationality, with absolute control over national affairs, and foreign relations, and yet composed of states having a like absolute control over the local affairs of the communities within their limits, would, in the nature of things, result in controversies between the nation and the states as to their relative control in many matters. That such disputes might be settled peacefully required an independent tribunal, and so the constitution provided the supreme court, and to that court were given vast powers.--Justice Brewer in March Scribner.

A Street Comedy.

Moral. Don't run for a train in Chicago.

George W. Dye of Jacksonville, Ill., general passenger agent of the Jacksonville & St. Louis Railway, was running for a train at 6 o'clock last night. As he sprinted along LaSalle street a hand entered his pocket and then he felt his pocketbook come out.

At that moment C. A. Martin, cashier of the American Silk company, who lives at 3739 Wallace street, was running for a train, and Dye, seeking the pocketbook, leaped into the crowd and grabbed Martin, who was turning to dash up Adams street.

Dye yelled for a policeman and one came and seized Martin, then started for the Harrison street station with his prisoner, also commanding Dye to "come along." Martin was protesting his innocence and Dye was pleading that he would lose his train along with his pocketbook.

Finally the policeman consented to take Martin to his office, and there the manager convinced Dye that Martin was innocent. Then both men sprinted for their trains again and both missed them.--Chicago Tribune.

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